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1. UK Patent Application No. 2 148 177A, published May 30, 1985;
2. United States Patent No. 4,704,129, dated November 3, 1987;
3. European Patent Application No. 0 207 758 A2, published January 7, 1987;

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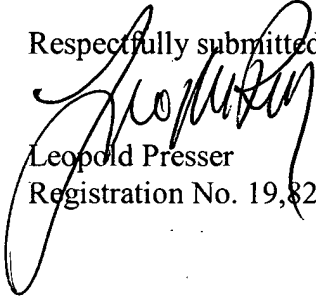
4. European Patent Application No. 0 380 345 A1, published August 1, 1990;
5. United States Patent No. 5,376,127, dated December 27, 1994; and
6. European Patent Application No. 0 631 765 A1, published January 4, 1995.

The references were cited in a Search Report received from the France Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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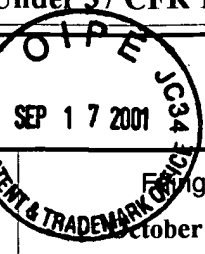
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